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PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Mossey. You've heard the motion. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 813. All those in favor please say aye. Those opposed nay. The bill is advanced. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, General File, LB 479 introduced by Senator Baker. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 16 of last year. At that time it was referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. It was debated briefly on March 27, Mr. President. At that time there was a motion to bracket the bill that prevailed. I do have committee amendments as well as other amendments pending, Mr. President. (AM0852, Legislative Journal page 959, First Session.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The Chair recognizes Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. My opening on the green copy will be very brief as the green copy, referring to page 2, increased the checkoff on corn and sorghum from one-half cent to a full penny per bushel for corn and a penny per bush...a penny per hundredweight for grain sorghum. As you will see with the committee amendments in a short time here, that has been stricken out of the bill. So actually the bill now becomes LB 376 with a few other items maybe thrown in there, clean up some language to get some archaic things out of the statutes. But the green copy really has been replaced by the committee amendment. So I will defer to Senator Landis on the committee amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The Chair would recognize Senator Connealy.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I would open on the committee amendments, don't have them in front of me yet. The committee amendments are being brought to me here. They rewrite the bill to place some restrictions on companies seeking to qualify for ethanol production incentives, increase the revenues to the Ethanol Production Incentive Fund. The primary restriction on the qualifications are provisions defining a new facility to exclude the expansion of existing